# So That They May All be One.

#### **Looking for Members to Serve Others**

It's that time of year when Calvary is looking for members that would like to serve on Consistory. Please contact any current Consistory member if you have an interest, time, or a talent.

#### **Welcome and Thanks**

Consistory is pleased to announce that Kim Gibson is the new chairperson to head up the Foltz foundation Committee here at Calvary. Others on the committee include Deb Ritter, Annette Smith, Paula Ruhl and Sandi King. The Foltz Foundation provides grants to children In Crestline.

#### **Bible Study**

Our autumn Bible Study is continuing to explore the book of Revelation. Our group is using Faithful and True as our study guide. We've been learning a great deal about this book of the Bible and just exactly what it meant to those who first heard and read the writings. And, we are discovering how Revelation relates to our world today.

Beginning Wednesday, November 20 we'll begin our Advent Study, using Everyone is welcome to join our study group. We meet Wednesday evenings at 5:30. Feel free to bring along a "sack lunch."

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We hope you can join our group.



One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him: Which commandment is the first of all? Jesus answered; The first is, Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12: 28-31

This Sunday, November 3 we'll be talking about this well known passage from Mark about loving God and loving our neighbors. Truly as followers of Christ we are called upon to love God and to love our neighbors. And Jesus doesn't tell us to love only the neighbors who live next door or down the street. Jesus doesn't distinguish between neighbors who look or speak like us. Indeed, Jesus just says love your neighbors.

Over the past several weeks we've heard a great deal about two recent hurricanes, Helena and Milton. The two storms hit Florida, and other southern states one right after the other. The destruction and loss of life have been catastrophic.

The United Church of Christ through its Global HOPE team is reaching out to those who have lost so much in recent weeks. The team is in touch with the Southeast, Southern, and Florida Conferences of the UCC along with our ecumenical partners as together they provide disaster recovery and response efforts to help victims of these storms.

Several United Church of Christ churches throughout the region suffered extensive damage to their buildings and surrounding communities.

Our denomination has a long history of providing help and services to meet the immediate needs of those who face so much loss. And, while that response is critical, it is also important to help with the long-term re-building efforts which require more resources, volunteer help and funds.

Our congregation can provide help for these neighbors of ours. We will be collecting special offerings during the month of November.

It is important to know that all donations will go directly to the United Church of Christ Disaster Response Teams. Just make checks payable to Calvary United Church of Christ and in the memo line note "Hurricane 2024".

Together we can make a difference to our neighbors who need our help.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Diane

# "Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God."

Lord God of all Creation, we give you thanks not only with our lips, but with our heart and mind and soul. Every day is a gift. Each day is a blessing. Open our eyes to see your living presence in each other. Help us grow stronger each day, in faith, hope, and love. We ask you this through Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen

## **Community Christmas**

It is that time of the year again when we count our many blessings and give of yourself to others! During the month of November we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Crestline Community Christmas. Crestline Community Christmas dates are Dec. 2-6 and Dec. 9-13. Distribution day is December 13th. A box will be located in the back of the sanctuary in the narthex for all food donations. Checks will also be accepted, made out to Calvary United Church of Christ with Crestline Community Christmas in the memo. If you have any questions, please direct them to Bob and Eileen Parr, Food Chairpersons. Thank you for your support.



# OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY FELLOWSHIP

WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.

ANDREW MURRAY







#### **FLOWERS**



Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up at least 2 weeks in advance, if possible, to allow time to notify the florist and the church office for the bulletin. You can contact Paula Ruhl or fill out an envelope and leave in the office. The cost is \$25.00.

#### **Heart to Heart**

Heart to Heart will meet November 19th at Cranberry Hills Golf Course Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. Please let Karen Kindinger know if you plan to attend.

#### Pastor Diane's Address:

**Pastor Diane Thomas** 

283 Allium Ln.

Delaware, Ohio 43015





#### Crestline Bingo at the VFW

Crawford County on Aging plays B-I-N-G-O the third Tuesday of every month at the VFW from 1-3 p.m. Get your bingo markers out and take some friends along! (419) 562-3050

#### **Area Community Dinners**

Check out the flyers in the hall-way near the office to find out about dinners available to the community. Days and times are listed, as well as the addresses of the providers. Don't miss out!



#### Friends At Home

## **Carol Mollencopf**

5653 Tiro Corp.

Tiro, OH 44887

## Sandra Spencer

1829 Middle-Bellville Rd.

Apt. #9

Mansfield, OH 44904

#### Joan Ritter

c/o Dawn Sapp

7870 Duncan Plains Rd.

Alexandria, OH 43001

# <u>Dot Blum—New Address & phone#</u>

939 Portage Rd. Room #162

Wooster, OH 44691

(330) 234-5304

## Friends In Care Facilities

## **Carol White**

c/o Mill Creek Nursing Center

Room 211

900 Wedgewood Circle

Galion, OH 4833

(419) 834-5194

#### **Florence Ramsey**

1110 N. Market St.

Apt. 52

Galion, Ohio 44833

(419) 777-0819

\*\*If you or someone in the congregation would like to be added to this list, please let the church office know.

# November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Day	2
3 Worship 10	4	5 Election Day VOTE	6 Bible Study 5:30 Choir 7:00	7 Next Chapter 3:00	8	9
10 Worship 10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Bible Study 5:30 Choir 7:00	14 Garden Club 7:00	15	16
17 Worship 10	18	19 Heart to Heart 5:00	20 Bible Study 5:30 Choir 7:00	21	22	23
24 Worship 10	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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